Alberta Population Report

March 29, 2007 — Fourth Quarter, 2006

Population Estimates

Alberta's population growth between January 1 of 2006 and 2007 remains the strongest among the provinces. As of January 1, 2007 Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,435,511. This represents an annual growth of approximately 108,800 persons (or 3.27%) during the year of 2006. British Columbia and Ontario had the next largest growth rates among the provinces at 1.29% and 0.89% respectively.

The following table provides the population estimates and annual growth rates for Canada and Alberta since January 1, 2003.

TABLE 1: **National and Provincial Population & Growth Rates, January 1**

	Canada		Alberta	
Jan 1	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
2003	31,505,085		3,137,751	
2004	31,818,378	0.99%	3,182,680	1.43%
2005	32,128,983	0.98%	3,237,049	1.71%
2006	32,448,358	0.99%	3,326,699	2.77%
2007	32,777,304	1.01%	3,435,511	3.27%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for January 1, 2007 for all provinces and territories are presented in Table 2 below. The annual population growth rates for the year 2006 are also included.

Migration

In the fourth quarter of 2006, Alberta continued to have the largest interprovincial migration gain (11,800 persons) among provinces, but the gain was 30% less than the previous fourth quarter. The primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the fourth quarter was Ontario, followed by British Columbia and Saskatchewan (Table 3). These three provinces were also the main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

On a yearly basis, Alberta hit a record high level of net interprovincial migration in 2006 with a total gain of 63,300 people. This was the tenth consecutive year that Alberta maintained the highest interprovincial migration gain in Canada.

Natural Increase

Between October 1 and December 31 of 2006, Alberta experienced a natural increase (births minus deaths) of approximately 5,200 people. The province had 10,500 births and 5,300 deaths in this quarter.

More details of the demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: **Population of Provinces/Territories as of Jan 1, 2007 & Annual Growth Rates of 2006**

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	YUKON	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	508,548	138,632	933,793	748,582	7,676,097	12,726,336	1,180,004	987,939	3,435,511	4,338,106	31,032	41,777	30,947
Growth Rate	-0.73%	0.34%	-0.17%	-0.26%	0.70%	0.89%	0.46%	0.12%	3.27%	1.29%	-0.78%	0.95%	2.10%

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2006

Origin	Destination												
	NL	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	45	287	127	38	657	57	57	1,236	203	0	26	22
Prince Edward I.	46	0	129	67	9	140	0	8	177	57	3	10	0
Nova Scotia	312	67	0	434	120	1,328	66	51	1,844	336	34	56	23
New Brunswick	48	111	533	0	380	581	8	51	977	129	0	9	0
Quebec	53	25	130	336	0	4,029	67	50	2,445	1,057	0	14	30
Ontario	952	173	1,478	897	3,560	0	1,136	713	10,866	3,995	20	61	28
Manitoba	31	33	37	31	105	1,032	0	776	1,833	834	10	10	32
Saskatchewan	4	0	100	31	25	296	456	0	2,710	734	0	0	11
Alberta	646	82	1,009	545	586	2,973	1,435	2,838	0	6,364	118	166	21
British Columbia	139	36	389	192	512	2,676	387	854	5,942	0	38	39	23
Yukon Territory	17	0	0	9	17	9	0	9	151	177	0	8	0
Northwest Terr.	9	0	20	0	0	42	36	46	398	65	38	0	45
Nunavut Terr.	32	0	11	57	26	45	57	0	17	0	0	53	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	2,289	572	4,123	2,726	5,378	13,808	3,705	5,453	28,596	13,951	261	452	235
Out Migration	2,755	646	4,671	2,827	8,236	23,879	4,764	4,367	16,783	11,227	397	699	298
Net Migration	-466	-74	-548	-101	-2,858	-10,071	-1,059	1,086	11,813	2,724	-136	-247	-63

Source: Statistics Canada

SUMMARY STATISTICS, ALBERTA, 2006

Midyear Population (July 1, 2006): 3,375,763

Population (Jan 1, 2006): 3,326,699
Births (Jan. – Dec.): 43,071
Deaths (Jan. – Dec.): 20,514
Net Interprovincial Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 63,284
Net International Migration (Jan. – Dec.): 15,459
Net Non-Permanent Residents (Jan. – Dec.): 7,512
Growth (Jan. – Dec.): 108,812
Population (Jan 1, 2007): 3,435,511

Alberta Migration by Quarter

Quarter	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total
	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration
2001									
Jan-Mar	12,964	8,471	**4,493**	3,831	1,031	601	405	**2,604**	**7,097**
Apr-Jun	16,533	11,103	**5,430**	4,436	1,311	665	782	**3,242**	**8,672**
Jul-Sep	25,737	16,805	**8,932**	4,578	2,111	1,030	1,038	**2,475**	**11,407**
Oct-Dec	15,261	9,502	**5,759**	3,548	904	650	503	**2,497**	**8,256**
Total	*70,495*	*45,881*	***24,614***	*16,393*	*5,357*	*2,946*	*2,728*	***10,818***	***35,432***
2002									
Jan-Mar	16,033	10,241	**5,792**	3,931	715	592	403	**3,027**	**8,819**
Apr-Jun	18,584	12,832	**5,752**	4,601	943	663	824	**3,819**	**9,571**
Jul-Sep	22,290	18,185	**4,105**	3,090	1,741	976	1,143	**1,516**	**5,621**
Oct-Dec	12,121	9,887	**2,234**	3,130	907	684	472	**2,011**	**4,245**
Total	*69,028*	*51,145*	***17,883***	*14,752*	*4,306*	*2,915*	*2,842*	***10,373***	***28,256***
2003									
Jan-Mar	14,036	11,453	**2,583**	3,105	695	610	610	**2,410**	**4,993**
Apr-Jun	16,180	13,199	**2,981**	4,296	848	663	880	**3,665**	**6,646**
Jul-Sep	18,554	15,549	**3,005**	4,573	2,029	937	1,213	**2,820**	**5,825**
Oct-Dec	10,715	9,030	**1,685**	3,861	1,060	665	513	**2,649**	**4,334**
Total	*59,485*	*49,231*	***10,254***	*15,835*	*4,632*	*2,875*	*3,216*	***11,544***	***21,798***
2004									
Jan-Mar	13,869	10,671	**3,198**	4,072	945	632	477	**2,972**	**6,170**
Apr-Jun	17,684	14,966	**2,718**	4,605	1,182	698	824	**3,549**	**6,267**
Jul-Sep	21,696	14,993	**6,703**	4,521	2,054	939	1,212	**2,740**	**9,443**
Oct-Dec	15,371	8,642	**6,729**	3,274	1,070	665	513	**2,052**	**8,781**
Total	*68,620*	*49,272*	***19,348***	*16,472*	*5,251*	*2,934*	*3,026*	***11,313***	***30,661***
2005									
Jan-Mar	19,030	10,095	**8,935**	4,356	951	632	477	**3,250**	**12,185**
Apr-Jun	26,321	14,265	**12,056**	5,291	1,190	698	824	**4,227**	**16,283**
Jul-Sep	29,882	16,772	**13,110**	5,590	2,077	940	1,212	**3,785**	**16,895**
Oct-Dec	24,997	7,938	**17,059**	4,167	1,078	664	513	**2,938**	**19,997**
Total	*100,230*	*49,070*	***51,160***	*19,404*	*5,296*	*2,934*	*3,026*	***14,200***	***65,360***
2006									
Jan-Mar	27,963	12,390	**15,573**	4,727	958	631	477	**3,615**	**19,188**
Apr-Jun	26,844	15,481	**11,363**	5,385	1,198	697	824	**4,314**	**15,677**
Jul-Sep	47,351	22,816	**24,535**	5,714	2,095	940	**1,212**	**3,891**	**28,426**
Oct-Dec	28,596	16,783	**11,813**	4,875	1,085	664	**513**	**3,639**	**15,452**
Total	*130,754*	*67,470*	***63,284***	*20,701*	*5,336*	*2,932*	*3,026*	***15,459***	***78,743***

Source: Statistics Canada

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